

**REMARKS**

The following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated July 6, 2006. In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with examination of the application on the merits, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

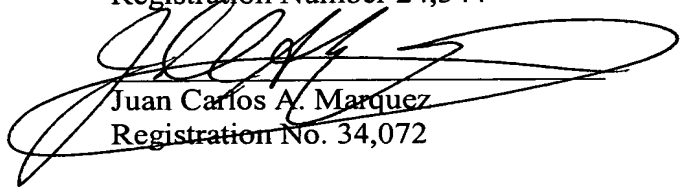
**Restriction Requirement**

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action, Applicants hereby elect the continued prosecution of the invention identified as Group I as recited in claims 1-3, 9-10, 13-17 directed to methods of nucleic acid purification and classified in Class 536, subclass 25.4, without traverse. Applicants understand that the non-elected Group II, as recited in claims 4-8, 11-12, 18-20, are hereby withdrawn from further consideration in this pending application. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a divisional application on such non-elected inventions.

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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